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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) How to behave courteously and politely with the public forms an integral part of the training imparted to the police personnel.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. A police district of Delhi has been selected for inclusion in the UNDP sponsored Project called "Improving Organisation and Management of Law Enforcement System in India", which aims to develop a professionally oriented enforcement system in the Police Force at all levels.

Suicide strikes in Indian cities

1204. SHRI GHULAM NA BIAZ AD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Masood outfit threatens suicide strikes in Indian cities" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 31st December, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government have any information in this regard; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken to check such strikes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government has seen the news report. Although there are no specific inputs to corroborate the contents of the news item, there are reports that militant outfits including "Jaish-e-Mohammadi" a terrorist outfit floated by Masood Azhar, have been making concerted efforts to raise suicide squads for subversive activities in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country.

(c) From time to time, the Government has been sensitizing the State Government about the threat perception with regard to activities of militant groups. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Assistance is also provided to State by way of deployment of para military forces and release of funds for modernizing the State police forces.